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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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drugs at retail except on the prescription of a reputable physician.

Housing Reform.
"The housing problem is the problem of the future of the state. It is the problem of the people who want to live in decent surroundings and bring up their children under proper conditions to have such opportunities. It is also a very large extent the problem of preventing other people who either do not care for decent conditions or are unable to achieve them from maintaining conditions which are a menace to their neighbors, to the community and civilization."

The larger cities of Michigan are especially interested in the solution of this problem. Already the states of California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin have housing laws. I suggest that this Legislature enact a housing law of state wide application. "A Model Housing Law," by Lawrence Veller, Secretary National Housing Association, furnishes a scientific basis for this much needed law.

Sanitary School Buildings.
For more than a quarter of a century I have made a careful study of the school houses in Michigan. The majority of them are unsanitary and unfit for "live stock" to occupy. They rarely furnish adequate light, never furnish a proper supply of pure air, and are not comfortably heated, and on the whole are destructive to the health of school children. It should be remembered that the ordinary school room, unlike the ordinary dwelling room, is frequently occupied by a very large number of children. Probably no one reform would exert a greater influence in reducing the death rate of children than would the construction of sanitary school houses.

Ordinary school officers know very little about modern sanitation. It is largely a question of how large a "pen" is required to protect the boys and girls from the inclement weather. A law should be enacted whereby all plans for school houses should be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of the State Board of Health. These officials would approve of the heating, ventilating, lighting, in fact all of the sanitary essentials before the contracts could be entered into for construction. In states where this plan has been pursued satisfactory results have been realized.

School Boards.
So far as possible, our educational interests should be divorced entirely from partisan politics. In Michigan we have not succeeded in doing this. I suggest an enactment of a mandatory law providing for city boards of education of not to exceed seven members, elected by the people at large. Such school boards should be supervisory and legislative in their function and should have the appointing of two salaried executives, a superintendent and a business manager, each of which shall be responsible for his particular work.

Use Educational Equipment.
Michigan cities whose population is 5,000 and upwards are not using their school equipment more than 50 per cent of the available time. During the vacations, long and short, during Saturdays and six nights of every week educational training should be offered to those who are not of "school age." Many men and women who work during the day are eager for an opportunity to acquire more knowledge and skill along their occupational lines. The city or community that uses its school equipment all of the available time invests a little more money only to realize magnificent dividends. Possibly this Legislature can see its way clear to encourage this extension of our public school work.

A Woman's Reformatory.
A careful study of social conditions in Michigan as revealed through the industrial schools, the prisons, the asylums and the homes of epileptics and feeble minded is not altogether encouraging. Most of these institutions are growing larger. True, the State is growing larger, but this fact should not blind us to the necessity of stopping, if possible, the source of the unfit. Whenever a radical cure is suggested the cry goes up that the State is endangering the cause of personal liberty. Sooner or later the problem of restricting the production of the unfit must be met. The Legislature of 1913 faced this problem and attempted the beginning of a solution. At the Industrial Home for Girls we have at the least calculation 15 per cent to 20 per cent who are mental defectives. The majority of the 15 per cent to 20 per cent should be transferred to the Michigan Home and Training School. Under existing laws a girl cannot be detained at Adrian after she is twenty-one. If she belongs to the distinctively mental defective class, she leaves the institution to become a menace to society. Incidentally I wish to say that 25 per cent to 50 per cent of criminals who are repeaters belong to the mentally defective class. In the better day coming these defectives will not be given their freedom until they have received such treatment as will make the propagation of their kind impossible. No greater work can occupy the attention of law makers than first how to prevent crime, second how to treat crime.

Conservation of Important Records.
My attention has been called to the fact that our various state departments scattered about Lansing have in their possession many very important records. Nearly all of these records are in grave danger. To illustrate: The Michigan Railroad Commission has records that have cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. These records involve valuations, copies of which do not exist; in fact if they were destroyed they could not be duplicated for a quarter of a million dollars, and many of them could not be duplicated at all. Beyond a reasonable doubt, other departments have equally important records. The destruction of the records in

the department of the Railroad Commission would be a greater loss than the cost of construction of a modern office building with ample room for safe storage for all. I most earnestly urge that this Legislature arrange for the construction of a modern office building with ample room for safe storage of all records; or if this undertaking is considered too expensive, by all means make provision for taking care of all important records now in possession of the various State departments. I do not hesitate to recommend the construction of a modern office building whereby all of our departments outside of the Capitol can be housed under one roof, and their records preserved against their possible destruction by fire.

Economy.
Economy is a fundamental factor in every successful business enterprise. The State is a great business corporation. A great business corporation employs skillful managers. Skillful managers command large salaries. The State, on account of its prescribed limitations, cannot always use this form of business sense. There are features of government that cannot be fully measured in dollars and cents. The big side of government is always the human side. Our State institutions continue to increase in magnitude and in possibilities for usefulness. Michigan is one of the greatest States in the Union. If she is to keep pace with the needs of her citizenship, these appropriations must necessarily increase. On this account there is the greater necessity for watchful supervision. No longer is there any excuse for fictitious expenses that originate through political friendship. I am sure that the Legislature will co-operate with me in maintaining the utmost economy consistent with efficient service.

A New Year Apostrophe.

A BABY smiles in its mother's face.
There at her breast in a soft embrace—
A life beginning and all to learn.
Oh, mother heart that shall leap and yearn,
Teaching the dimpled feet to walk,
Teaching the honeyed mouth to talk!
Oh, time, make haste for the baby dear
And spread the coming of each New Year!

A youth with the fire and blood of spring
And hope that rises on eager wing
Thrills at the sight of a maiden's blush,
Stirring his heart with the first hot flush
Of love requited, that finds its mate
And yet but a little while must wait.
Watches and listens they step to hear.
Oh, speed thy coming, oh, sweet New Year!

In manhood's prime there is standing
And all but his greatest task is done.
Beyond his reach, but before his eyes,
Greatest of all is the final prize.
Yet but a little he'll hold it fast;
A year and a day 'twill be his last,
Conquering spirit that knows not fear,
Bidding thee hasten, oh, brave New Year!

Gray is the crown of a wholesome life
And peace the benison sweet of strife.
An aged man with his strength high spent,
With nerves a-tremble, his slight form bent,
Ere in spirit and white of soul,
With steps that falter, is near his goal.
With eyes bedimmed, but a faith that's clear,
He craves but thy rest, oh, blest New Year!

—New York World.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Good to Make on Any Day of Any Year.

For the Well that They May Keep Well!
For the Sick that They May Get Well!

Resolved:
That I will take better care of my body.

Resolved:
That I will seek to know more about my body and so be better able to give it proper care.

Resolved:
That I will try to aid others that they may take better care of their bodies.

Resolved:
That I will plan to learn more about the conditions which affect the physical well being of others.

Resolved:
That I will give particular attention, as occasion makes possible, to conditions affecting the health of the poor, the ignorant and the neglected.

Resolved:
That in school, church, club, lodge, union or society I will encourage the discussion of health topics and the suggestion of plans toward better health conditions in the community.

Resolved:
That I will endeavor every day of every year to—

Sleep in the Fresh Air.
Work in the Fresh Air.
Play in the Fresh Air.
Live in the Fresh Air.

Resolved:
That I will present these resolutions, if possible, to every class and society to which I belong.

Little Bits of New Year Verse

Touch us gently, Time!
Let us glide adown the stream
Gently—as we sometimes glide
Through a quiet dream.

When time is flown, how it fled
It is better neither to ask nor tell.
Leave the dead moments to bury
their dead.

—Owen Meredith.

Come what come may,
Time and the hour runs through the
roughest day.
—Macbeth.

We ring the bells and raise the strain.

We hang up garments everywhere
And bid the tapers twinkle fair
And feast and frolic, and then we go
Back to the same old lives again.

Here's to a happy holiday.
Health and wealth for all the year.

Work adjourned has many stays:
Long demurs breed new delays.
—Southwell.

SCRUTINIZE SEED POTATOES.

Department of Agriculture Issues a
Warning to Farmers.

The farmers of New Jersey, middle Atlantic states and the southern states are warned by the United States department of agriculture to see that the seed potatoes they buy bear the white label of the potato inspection service of this department. This label is placed on each container and certifies that the potatoes have been examined by federal inspectors and found free from powdery scab; that they were grown on farms free from and have not in any way been exposed to this disease.

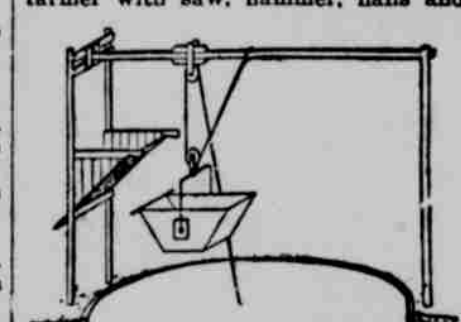
Farmers are warned against the use of table potatoes for planting purposes, as these, even though they do not show the disease, may have been exposed to powdery scab. Table potatoes are usually shipped from Maine in bulk, and the car carries a blue certification tag, while seed potatoes are in sacks or other containers of a capacity not to exceed 180 pounds, and each container is separately certified.

Some dealers have been buying table stock and selling it for seed. These men are not violating any law, but they are exposing their customers to the risk of the introduction of a dangerous disease and a quarantine should the powdery scab be introduced.

The white seed certificate relates only to freedom from powdery scab, but potatoes so certified are likely to be of better quality and less mixed than table stock potatoes. The supply of certified seed potatoes in Maine is ample, and the price this year is low, so that there is no excuse for planting table stock potatoes.

The department also states that the rigid inspection and other precautions thrown around certified seed stock from quarantined districts make such stock as safe as potatoes from non-infected areas and often better selected.

Methods of Handling Silage.
The Nebraska experiment station advises several conveniences in handling feed from upright, pit and partial pit silos. A handy and easily constructed convenience is the silage cart. Any farmer with saw, hammer, nails and



HOMEMADE SILAGE CART.

lumber can construct one of these carts. The wheels used may be plow wheels or other small wheels. In constructing the cart the capacity should be considered. It should be borne in mind that loose silage weighs about 18½ pounds the cubic foot.

When considerable outside feeding is done a swing track is oftentimes used in the west. This makes it possible to distribute feed in a radius of considerable circle. Some farmers use a stationary track. Where twin silos are used and it is necessary to carry feed to any distance a U shaped chute inclining downward toward the wagon and occupying the space between the silos is used. The sides of this chute are angular like a V, but there is a flat bottom.

Notice of Hearing Annual Account—
ESTATE OF AMMI W. WRIGHT.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of
Grafton, ss.

Notice is Hereby Given, That the annual account of the executors of the estate of Ammi W. Wright, deceased, of Grafton County, Michigan, will be allowed by me at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, in said County, on the twenty-ninth (29th) day of January next, at ten (10) o'clock a. m. of said day.

Dated, Ithaca, December 30th, A. D. 1914.
J. LEE POTTS,
Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of
Grafton. In the Circuit Court for the County of Grafton, in Chancery.

Edna Drexler, Complainant, vs. Joseph H. Drexler, Defendant.
At a regular session of said court held in the Court House, in the village of Ithaca, in said County, on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1914:

Present—The Hon. Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.

In this cause it appearing by affidavit on file that the defendant, Joseph H. Drexler, is not a resident of this state, but is a resident of Hill City in the State of Minnesota;
On motion of O. G. Tuttle, solicitor for Complainant, it is ordered that the appearance of said defendant, Joseph H. Drexler, be entered in this cause within four months from the date of this order and that in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the Bill of Complaint to be filed and a copy thereof served upon the solicitor for complainant within fifteen

days after service on him or his solicitor of a copy of said Bill and in default thereof said Bill be taken as confessed by said defendant, Joseph H. Drexler.

And it is further ordered that the Complainant cause a copy of this order to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper published, printed and circulating in said County, and that such publication be commenced within twenty days from the date of this order, and that publication be continued therein once in each week for six successive weeks, or that the said Complainant cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said Defendant, Joseph H. Drexler, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

KELLEY S. SEARL,
Circuit Judge.

Countersigned:

R. E. HUGHES, Register in Chancery.
O. G. TUTTLE, Solicitor for Complainant. Business Address, Ithaca, Michigan. 1875

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Grafton.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county, on the 23rd day of December, 1914.

Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.

In the Matter of the Estate of George Farrough, deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to Probate and Will K. Ludwig of Ithaca, Michigan, appointed administrator thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Friday, the 23rd day of April, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy.
J. LEE POTTS,
Judge of Probate.
BELLE JENNE,
Clerk of Probate.
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